

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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HEMOTHORAX

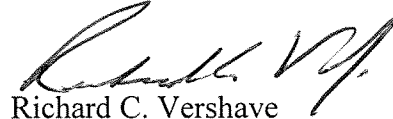
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND PAYMENT OF FEE**

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of two months to respond to the pending Final Office Action. A response to the outstanding Office Action is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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